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Singapore-based ACR Capital Holdings Announces That Bank Negara Malaysia Has Granted Licence for Retakaful Venture

Singapore, 7 July 2008 – ACR Capital Holdings Pte. Ltd. – the Singapore-based parent of Asia Capital Reinsurance Group – announced today that Bank Negara Malaysia has issued an operating licence to newly established ACR ReTakaful SEA Bhd., a Shari’ah compliant retakaful company.

The new firm is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Dubai-based ACR ReTakaful Holdings, established in May as a joint venture between ACR Capital Holdings Pte. Ltd., Malaysian national investment company Khazanah Nasional Bhd. and Dubai Banking Group, the global Shari’ah-compliant investment company of Dubai Group. ACR ReTakaful Holdings was capitalised at US\$300 million, making it the largest retakaful entity in the world.

ACR ReTakaful SEA will be capitalised at MYR325 million and the new licence will allow the company to offer retakaful solutions and services to the South East Asia market.

Said Mr. Zainal Abidin Bin Mohd Noor, CEO of ACR ReTakaful SEA, “We are delighted to have obtained a licence to start our retakaful business in Malaysia. The takaful and retakaful markets in our region are thriving and we are now well positioned to respond to the growing needs and market potential that we see all around us”.

He added, “We have an experienced team with a good understanding of the Asian risk landscape and we are looking forward to playing a key role in enhancing the technical knowledge in the market, as well as promoting product development and innovation.”

ACR ReTakaful SEA is the second Malaysian venture of ACR Capital Holdings and the latest in a series of corporate developments for the dynamic 1½-year-old company which incepted in November 2006 and was capitalised at US\$620 million.

ACR has written more than US\$340 million in non-life premiums in its first financial year and has built a book of business which already extends to more than 40 countries.

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About Asia Capital Reinsurance Group (ACR)

ACR is the first independent reinsurance group with an exclusive focus on serving clients in the fast-growing Asian region and brings an unrivalled expertise in large risk underwriting in the specialist lines of aviation, marine, energy, property, engineering and casualty.

In recognition of its strong capitalisation, experienced management team, solid risk management capabilities and the ability to attract highly experienced underwriters, ACR received an initial financial strength rating of A- (Excellent) from A.M. Best, the world's leading credit rating company, garnering one of the highest ratings among Asian reinsurers. This financial rating was re-affirmed by A.M. Best in December 2007. ACR is currently in discussion with A.M. Best and expects to secure an A- rating for the new retakaful venture.

In addition, ACR was named 'Company Launch Of The Year' in The Review magazine's 14th Worldwide Reinsurance Awards 2007, while its private placement was voted the 'Most Innovative Deal – Equity' in The Asset's Triple A – The Asset Asian Awards 2006.

Beyond Singapore, ACR has a joint venture reinsurance company in Malaysia, as well as representative offices in Taipei and Bahrain.

About ACR ReTakaful SEA Bhd.

ACR ReTakaful SEA was formed in May 2008 to bring to the Takaful markets which it serves a fully Shari'ah compliant, highly capitalised and professionally managed team of top underwriters in each line of business.

By sharing with its clients its capital strength, leading capacity and technical expertise, ACR ReTakaful SEA brings capacity and capability to the fast developing world of Islamic insurance.

ACR ReTakaful SEA will follow the widely approved hybrid model of Takaful entities, which combines the profit-sharing Mudharaba concept with the fee-based Wakalah model.

In this way, the participants' fund is secured and the operator is incentivised to maintain underwriting discipline.

As with conventional insurance, so with Takaful, there is an increasing requirement for a secondary market which can bring capital strength and technical expertise to support the growth and development of the domestic risk carriers.

ACR ReTakaful has been established, with strong shareholder support from leading investors in Dubai and Malaysia, as well as from ACR itself, specifically to meet this requirement.

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